- 23. Village Reconstruction & Development Project, Salem, Tamiinadu.
- 24. Daroga Pd. Roy Mahila Prashikshan Avam Audogik Kendra, Distt. Saran, Bihar.
- 25. Manab Seva Sadan, Dhenkanal, Orissa.
- 26. Bagmari Youth Progressive Association, Calcutta.
- 27. Bhagra Diamond Club, Burdwan, West Bengal.
- 28. Social Environmental and Rural Technology Council, Pallel, Manipur.
- 29. Manorma Mahila Mandal, Vaishali.
- 30. Ramakrishna Ashrama, Distt. Angul (Orissa).
- 31. Nari Chetna Sangthan, Sonipat Haryana.
- 32. Chandrika Sewa Sadan Hakimpur Distt. Vaishali, Bihar.
- 33. Tamil Nadu Village consumer's Protection Council Kavaripettai Tamil Nadu.
- 34. Gujarat Kelvani Trust Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Sanskrit Bhasa Vikas Parishad Sewapuri Distt. Deoria.
- 36. Smt. Ambika Devi High School Kanya Vidayalaya Mirzapur, U.P.
- 37. Akhil Bhartiya Smaj Kalyan Parishad, Distt. Deoria, UP.
- 38. Manipur Women coordinating Council, Manipur.
- 39. Mahua Mahila Vikas Sansthan Vaishali (Bihar).
- Social Welfare of India Shahdra Sharief, Rajori, J & K.
- 41. Sudha Mahila Samaj Kalyan Parishad, Distt. Nalanda (Bihar).
- 42. Bijnor Seva Sansthan, Bijnor (UP)
- 43. Rural Health Organisation, West Senapati Manipur.
- 44. Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Edu. Society, Bhopal (MP)
- 45. Dr. A.V. Baliga Trust, New Delhi.
- 46. Ikhupatrika Social Welfare Organisation, Distt. Midnapore (W.B.)
- 47. Manipur Rural Institute, Imphal.
- 48. Samai Kalvan Seva Samity, Lucknow (U.P.)
- 49. Project Swarajya, Cuttack, Orissa.
- 50. Samta Gram Seva Sansthan, Patna, Bihar.
- 51. Nyssadri, Distt. Dhenkanal (Orissa).

Women Developed Infertility-Bhopal Gas Tragedy

*6. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH:

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that women affected in Bhopal Gas Tragedy have developed infertility;
- (b) if so, whether women and men in gas affected areas have been medically examined by the Government and if so, the results thereof;
- (c) whether any scheme has been prepared by the Government for extending medical help to affected women and men; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Studies carried out by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) did not show any adverse effect of gas exposure on the women's ability to conceive. However, the study indicated higher abortion rates in women from the exposed area as compared to women from unexposed area. No study has been carried out for ascertaining infertility amongst males who were exposed to the gas leak in Bhopal.

(c) and (d) A 5 year Action Plan for medical, economic, social and environmental rehabilitation of the gas victims in the affected areas at a cost of Rs. 163 crores which included Rs. 77 crores for medical rehabilitation was sanctioned in 1990. The major component of the medical rehabilitation component of the Action Plan was to construct and equip four new hospitals to provide 755 beds. The state Government has prepared a new Action Plan for the period April, 1997 to March, 2002 having an outlay of Rs. 316 crores of which medical rehabilitation component is Rs. 246 crores. Construction of a 260 bedded speciality hospital is under progress. This is to be funded by the Union Carbide Corporation.

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Urban Infrastructure Programme

*7. DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA:

SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation has sanctioned loan for urban infrastructure programmes in different States;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;